STATEMENT-II

Giving the achievements in respect of funds allocated, released and utilised statewise under National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA)

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of States/ UTs	Allocation during 1990-91 91-92 and VIII Plan	Total Amount released from 1990-91 to 1996-97 (Nov. 96)	Total funds utilised from 1990-91 to 1996-97 (Nov. 96)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9207.970	4944.647	4593.989
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	133.000	146.000	62.824
3.	Assam	2843.000	2378.387	1081.727
4.	Bihar	6452.400	1738.433	292.450
5.	Goa	140.200	73.933	10.728
6.	Gujarat	9796.235	5728.677	4990.240
7.	Haryana	1904.686	460.338	436.807
8.	Himachal Pradesh	659.130	1039.530	838.440
9.	Jammu and Kasmir	559.000	464.112	388.944
10.	Karnataka	11982.750	9293.384	8815.452
11.	Kerala	2454.000	2293.900	2000.000
12.	Madhya Pradesh	21539.992	10695.212	10019.773
13.	Maharashtra	21402.975	15330.098	14548.810
14.	Manipur	101.000	251.900	248.900
15.	Meghalaya	186.000	218.550	94.380
16.	Mizoram	80.000	811.670	791.580
17.	Nagaland	175.000	623.900	618.900
18.	Orissa	6415.617	6507.712	6065.750
19.	Punjab	755.367	495.660	429.230
20.	Rajasthan	15996.220	14437.300	12484.117
21.	Sikkim	191.000	338.910	328.820
22.	Tamil Nadu	4196.440	3631.649	3245.822
23.	Tripura	291.000	242.800	234.763
24.	Uttar Pradesh	9805.620	9015.497	8387.810
25.	West Bengal	4484.000	2461.975	1598.856
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	32.000	12.315	2.604
27.	Andaman & Nicobar	30.000	112.000	59.260
	Total	131801.602	93748.490	82670.981

Jobs for Muslims

6718. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the present estimated muslims in the public employment under the Centrol Government category-wise;

(b) whether representation for including the Muslim Community as a whole in the Other Backward Classes list has been received; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Since recruitments are not made on the basis of religion, no data relating to recruitment, religion-wise is maintained.

(b) and (c). Some representations have been received by National Commission for Backward Classes from some organisations of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa and Tripura for inclusion of Muslim community as a whole in the other Backward Classes list. No recommendation to this effect has been made by the National Commission for Backward Classes till date. However, some sections of minorities including Muslims which have been included in the other Backward Classes list are eligible to take advantages of reservation provisions in the Civil Services and Posts under Govt. of India.

Forest Land

3719. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that industries are making their entry into the forest sector through the backdoor in Madhya Pradesh and about 2,500 hectares of forest land with density of less than 40 per cent has been given to the Rajya Van Vikas Nigam Limited for the commercial plantations;

(b) whether the State Government had not sought the permission of the Central Government for contacting out forest lands and violates the Forest Act, 1980;

(c) whether the Central Government have sought any report from the State in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Permission has not been granted by the Central Government for contracting out forest lands under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Ministry has called for a report from the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The report has been received recently and is being examined.

Teak Wood Trees

3720. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the illegal cutting of teak wood trees is going on in the Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh in connivance with the officers of Forest Department who are collecting money illegally;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have conducted any inquiry regarding the illegal cutting of the teak wood trees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the persons found involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the concerned State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Total Prohibition

3721. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose total prohibition in the country;

(b) if so, when a meeting of Chief Ministers of all the States/UTs is likely to be held in this regard;

(c) whether the revenue loss be considered there at; and

(d) the details of other issues proposed to be discussed?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No Sir, there is no such proposal.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Torture of Children

3722. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem captioned "Children Routinely Tortured In India" appearing in Hindustan Times, dated November 14, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the reported figures regarding the deaths of children in the police custody are correct; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Facts are being ascertained. The requisite information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Trafficking of Foreign Currency

3723. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have detected illegal trafficking of foreign currency in Gujarat during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of foreign currency seized State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check the illegal trafficking of foreign currency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of Wheat and Other Commodities

3724. SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR :
SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN :
SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :
SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Governments of Maharashtra and Kerala had demanded increase in allocation of wheat and other commodities for distribution through the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conceded the demand of the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether the Government propose to concede the demands?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Requests have been received from State Governments including Maharashtra and Kerala for additional allocations. Allocation of Public Distribution System (PDS) items are made to States/UTs on month to month basis keeping in view the demand received from various States/UTs, their relative needs, stocks in the Central Pool, seasonal availability and offtake trends, etc.

Government of Maharashtra has requested for increase in their monthly sugar quota from 33550 MTs to 43157.3 MTs, rice and wheat at one lakh MTs and 1.2 lakh MTs respectively. While monthly allocation of rice of Maharashtra continues at 71,500 MTs., the monthly allocation of wheat has been increased from 80,000 MTs to 85,000 MTs for January, 1997. Kerala Government have demanded for increase in monthly quota of foodgrains from 1,50,000 MTs of rice and 50,000 MTs of wheat to 1,50,000 MTs of rice and 60,000 MTs of wheat. However, the allocation of foodgrains for